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**Subject:** Why I Oppose the Bank of Wal-Mart

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**Attachments:** 

The thought of a Bank of Wal-Mart terrifies me. Isn't it enought that Wal-Mart has created a dangerous globalization of commercial power that has put a stranglehold on small businesses around the country? They come into communities and grocery stores, hardware stores and pharmacies don't stand a chance. They take over large parcels of land that were once green pastures and turn them into mega-parking lots, disrupting rural ways of life.

Now this company that has a history of manipulating the law to fit its own interest, and getting Congress and other regulators to do its bidding, wants to become a bank? It is critical that the board of directors attend this vital hearing and listen to the comments and concerns of the witnesses.

Please don't let this one just slide through without giving it its fair scrutiny. The American public deserve no less. Thank you.